



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Director of Internal Services

At its meeting held July 26, 2005, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

“Addiction to alcohol and drugs is a National problem that perpetuates poor health, harmful behaviors and economic and social burdens. According to a new National report 2.7% of persons 12 and older Nationwide needed, but did not receive treatment for an illicit drug problem; and 7.3% needed but did not receive treatment for an alcohol problem. The report found that California had the largest total number of persons 12 and older who needed but did not receive treatment for an illicit drug problem. Similarly, California had the largest number of persons in need of treatment for an alcohol problem, approximately 2 million persons, which is over 11% of the total number Nationally who needed but did not receive treatment for an alcohol problem. The Los Angeles County Department of Health Services reported binge drinking by 18% of underage adults and 20% of teens in a recent survey.

“Addiction to alcohol and drugs is a chronic and relapsing disease, but treatment works. Treatment saves money, helps return people to work, reduces the burden on emergency care and decreases crime rates and incarceration costs.

“On Wednesday, August 31, 2005, Behavioral Health Services Inc., will be holding a recognition event in support of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in September in Los Angeles County.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, unanimously carried (Supervisor Yaroslavsky being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Proclaimed the month of September 2005 as "Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month" throughout Los Angeles County; and urged all residents to publicly recognize the importance and effectiveness of treatment in recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs; and
2. Waived permit fees in the amount of \$350.00, excluding the cost of liability insurance, for use of the County Mall area on August 31, 2005 for the Behavioral Health Services Inc.'s recognition event in support of National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month.

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